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SUBJ: SEIZURE OF U.S. TUNA VESSELS: NEPTUNE AND A.K. STROM

- 1. CONSUL KELLER REPORTS FROM SALINAS THAT TWO MORE U.S. TUNA BOATS HAVE BEEN SEIZED AND ARE NOW IN SALINAS.
- 2. ONLY INFO THUS FAR AVAILABLE ON "A.K. STROM" IS THAT CAPTAIN IS DAVID RICO AND THAT BOAT HAD ABOUT 150 TONS OF CATCH ON BOARD WHEN CAPTURED.
- 3. INFORMATION ON "NEPTUNE" FOLLOWS:
 - A. NAME OF BOAT: NEPTUNE
- B. NAME OF CAPTAIN: JOHN BURICK (ALTERNATE MASTER IS JAMES LARKINS)
- C. CAPTURED BY: NOT KNOWN YET
- D. DATE AND TIME OF CAPTURE: FEBRUARY 1, 1975 AT 2100 HOURS

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3. POSITION OF CAPTURE: 82 DEGREES 5 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE,

2 DEGREES 23 MINUTES SOUTH LATITUDE

- F. FISHING FOR: STARKIST
- G. OWNED BY: SAN SIMEON FISHING COMPANY, MAYAGUEZ, PUERTO RICO
- H. NRT: 426
- I. COSTS: NOT DETERMINED
- J. TONS OF FISH ABOARD: 180 (CAPTAIN STATES THAT ALL FISH CAUGHT OUTSIDE ECUADOREAN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS. BOAT WAS DRIFTING WHEN CAPTURED.)
- K. DATE FORMALLY CHARGED: NOT YET CHARGED
- L. DATE AND TIME OF RELEASE: NOT YET RELEASED

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- M. VIOLENCE ATTENDING CAPTURE: NONE
- 4. INFORMATION AT CONGEN INDICATED THAT "CARIBBEAN" PURCHASED ECUADOREAN MATRICULA AND LICENSE ON JANUARY 16, 1975. THIS BOAT FISHING FOR DEL MONTE OPERATION IN MANTA. DEWITT

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